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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0438**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:)
Kenshu SHIMADA)
Application No.: 10/070,284) Group Art Unit: 3625
Filed: July 12, 2002) Examiner: Robert E. Rhode, Jr.
For: COMMODITY SELLING) Confirmation Number: 3062
APPARATUS)

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2005, the period for reply having been extended for two months to May 30, 2006 (May 27-29 being holidays) by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.